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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. At about 2:30 p.m. on 10 October 1953, a shipment of 6 boxcars occupied by troops and equipment, 21 RRY-type flatcars and 17 flatcars with sideracks carrying 43 trucks, 3 sedans, 2 field kitchens and 8 trailers left the Rathenow-Nord railroad station for Goeschwitz.

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2. During the night of 10 October, 2 shipments, each of about 30 flatcars with sideracks carrying billeting equipment, boards and boxes, were loaded in Altengrabow and left toward Magdeburg between 4 a.m. and 4:30 a.m., each escorted by 15 to 20 soldiers. During the night of 11 October, 16 x 76.2-mm field guns, 10 trucks, 1 sedan, billeting equipment and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, were loaded on 30 flatcars and left toward Magdeburg at 3 a.m. between 5 and 9 October, several shipments of guns were entrained and left toward Magdeburg.²

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3. At 9 a.m. on 19 October, prime movers, towing 11 x 152-mm guns passed through Potsdam, coming from the autobahn bridge and proceeding toward Nedlitz.³

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4. At 9 a.m. on 15 October, a shipment including 28 x 85-mm AT guns was seen at the Eberswalde railroad station. No troops were seen with the shipment, which left toward north at about 4 p.m.⁴

5. At about 8 a.m. on 28 September, a column of T-34/85 tanks JS-3 tanks SU-85 guns was seen assembling on the Neuruppin-Kraenzlin road, leaving toward Kraenzlin. At 4:25 p.m. on 20 October, a train of 15 flatcars with sideracks and 7 boxcars, carrying 4 SP guns, 3 T-34/85 tanks and trucks, occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, was seen at the Neuruppin railroad station. The shipment was presumably unloaded.⁵

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2. Comment. [redacted] shipments of units of the 6th Arty Div and the 43d Gds Army Arty Brig went to Goeschwitz and shipment of units of the 34th Arty Div [redacted] went to Goeschwitz and Wildpark on 11 and 12 October. Other shipments went to Goeschwitz and units of the 6th Arty Div returned from Rathenow between 5 and 9 October.

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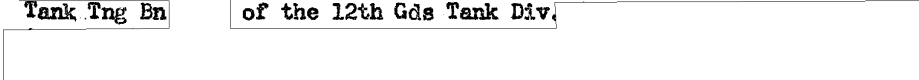
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4. Comment. Probably a shipment of equipment, possibly of the KVP.

5. Comment. The tanks observed on 28 September belonged to the 59th Tank Tng Bn [redacted] of the 12th Gds Tank Div.



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